(c) The Government does not grant permission for fresh or additional underwriting of capital issues to members of Stock Exchanges.

Second Indian cosmonaut and use of Soviet Space Station

1115. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) by when the second Indian cosmonaut is likely to be sent in spece; and

(b) whether Government have any plans to use the facilities of the permanent Soviet space station, either for extended stay in space of an Indian cosmonaut or for conducting joint scientific experiments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) At present, there are no proposals for sending a second Indian into Space or for using the facilities of a permanent Soviet Space Station for extended stay in space of an Indian. While the Indian scientists have generally kept abreast of salient developments regarding space platforms planned by different countries, no detailed plans have been worked for consideration of conduct of scientific experiments using such platforms.

Chinese acquired space technology

1116. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent strides made by China in space technology, by which she has even offered rocket launching facilities to United States and West European Countries; and

(b) what steps are being taken by India to come up at least on par with China in the Space Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) While there are reports in the media about such offers by China and discussions thereof, Government have no authentic information.

(b) It is Government's policy to use outer space for peaceful purposes and the Indian Space Programme is oriented to meet our needs mainly in communications and remote sensing. The Government is not in competition with any other country but wishes to harness space technology for the benefit of the Indian people.

Committees appointed to examine the problem of black money

1117. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Committees appointed so far by Government to examine the problem of black money or to unearth the black money in the country;

(b) the findings and recommendations of each Committee; and

(c) the steps taken by Government on their recommendations and findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The Direct Taxes Enquiry Committee (Wanchoo Committee) was set up in 1970 and submitted its